



IQNET marks 35 years of collaborative influence in the conformity assessment industry

Bern, 02 April 2025 - This year marks another milestone for IQNET Association – the International Certification Network, as we celebrate our 35th year.

First named as European Quality Network (EQNet), eventually renamed as IQNET in 1990 to give way to interested members from all continents. Currently, IQNET has 36 Members representing 34 countries. Members' offices now extend to 84 economies and territories, boasting a total number of 365 offices worldwide. To know more about IQNET Members in different countries, <u>visit this site</u>.

In 2016, IQNET welcomed affiliation from certification bodies who would like to learn more about the network, and make use of common opportunities for growth and business development. IQNET has three Affiliated Bodies to date benefiting from our cooperation efforts and provision of exclusive IQNET products and services.

Through harmonizing the knowledge and expertise of our Members, with the extensive reach our network could provide, IQNET through the years has established a collaborative influence in the conformity assessment industry and quality infrastructure, notably at a global level, but also with regional and local impact.

Collectively, IQNET Members are consistent in capturing 20% share, management system certificates alone, issued worldwide for quality, environmental, health and safety, and other management systems (average comparison with ISO survey from 2019-2024). Our conscious commitment to seeking mutual gains in our network resulted in the expansion of IQNET recognition of products and services to keep the businesses competitive in this changing industry landscape.

One third of IQNET Members as national standardization bodies, assist in setting the course in the development and strategy for ISO standards. Our contribution in the Accreditation area spans from chairmanship to convenorship of permanent committees and technical working groups in International Accreditation Forum (IAF), and active membership in regional accreditation forums.

This trustworthiness paved the way for IQNET to being acknowledged by scheme owners, quality infrastructure entities, among others, as a main contributor and partner. To know more about our international representations, visit: International Player

The whole IQNET is inviting the business sector, our Members' certified clients, partners and interested parties to celebrate this important year with us. To know more about IQNET and take the opportunity to learn from the public webinars and events our network has in store for you, you may regularly visit this site: <u>35 Years of IQNET</u>

About IQNET

IQNET Association is a non-governmental, not-for-profit organization headquartered in Bern, Switzerland, with global influence since 1990.

Its exclusive members of 36 leading conformity assessment bodies based in 34 countries, and present in close to 400 locations worldwide are cooperating based on IQNET common integrity principles; harmonized operational criteria; innovative products and services, and representation,

IQNET cooperation supports businesses achieve global competitiveness, likewise, contributes to building a conformity assessment community which is responsive to the needs of the market and acts under non-negotiable values of ethics, integrity, and independence. IQNET is the leading and trusted conformity assessment bodies network in the world. IQNET. Building trust together.